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CHARLOTTE, N. C.



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Executive Secretary Thomas Kilgore

THEME

"The Church and Social Ills"

Opening Session—

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1946

Convention Theme:

"THE CHURCH and SOCIAL ILLS"

A program of inspiration, information and challenge will be presented.

Each Baptist church and organization in North Carolina is expected to be fully represented.

#### Delegates' Expenses

Registration including dinner and supper at the church.....\$1.75  
Room (3 nights) and Breakfast (3 mornings)..... 4.50

Total .....\$6.25

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### THE CHURCH USHER'S DILEMMA

The church usher meets his dilemma anew each Sunday morning. Usually it is also his "Waterloo," according to Mr. E. M. Hosman of the University of Omaha who conducts the only school for church ushers in the world.

Mr. Hosman, Director of the School of Adult Education, instituted the Course for Church Ushers five years ago after a nation-wide correspondence with head ushers and ministers of leading churches of many denominations. In both the class and correspondence courses, students unflinchingly are presented with the "end seat" church-goer as a problem which in many cases disturbs the atmosphere of worship as well as the good nature of the worshippers who come after him. However, there are two schools of thought about the "end-of-the-pew-sitter." One school, according to Mr. Hosman, holds that if a worshipper comes to church early enough to get his favorite seat on the pew on the aisle, he is entitled to it. In the other school there is a different reaction to the situation. It is of the opinion that the end seat should be reserved for the last one in.

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## These 79 Years

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By Thomas Kilgore, Executive Secretary

Two years after the close of the Civil War, the Negro Baptists of North Carolina formed a State Organization. In 1867, pioneers like The Reverends Edward Eagles, C. Johnson, William Warwick, L. W. Boone, R. B. Spicer, H. Grimes, R. H. Harper, and others, met in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and organized the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention. Since the early days, many changes have been made, even in name. The name was changed to the Union Convention, and about 37 years ago the present name, General Baptist State Convention was adopted.

These 79 years have been years of perils, problems, and progress. The educational and missionary zeals of the early founders have found kindred spirits in each succeeding generation, and new churches and organizations have found an outlet for their church outreach in the State Convention, to the extent that over 1000 Baptist Churches, and Baptist organizations contributed through the Convention in 1945-46 to the causes of benevolence, Christian Education, Christian Missions, and State Missions.

Total contributions through the Convention for the past five years have been steadily increasing. 1940-41, \$7,853.03; 1941-42, \$20,155.09; 1942-43, \$30,827.86; 1943-44, \$71,086.60; 1944-45, \$101,623.34. From all indications the total for 1945-46 will exceed all records.

These 79 Years have been years of constant improvement. For places of worship, brush arbors have turned to log cabins, log cabins to crude frame structures, and frame structures to beautiful brick and stone houses of worship. The property value of Negro Baptist churches in North Carolina has increased beyond computation in the last 79 years.—Improvements in places of worship have been attended by the development of better and more meaningful worship. With due reverence and regard for the sincerity and devotion of our forefathers, the leadership of trained ministers and the increased training of the church lay members have added knowledge to the reverence and devotion of yesteryear, and hence, a more meaningful worship.

These 79 Years have meant the development of an aggressive church. The passivity of yesterday has been converted to dynamic actions in many

churches today. Religion has been brought out of the sky and put to work in home, on the farm, in the class room, in the factory, and in the church.

With the progress of these 79 years there are still many problems. Problems which the church must face. The Kingdoms of this earth must become the Kingdom of God. The church is the starting point. Racial good-will must supplant racial intolerance, economic justice must supplant economic exploitation, political integrity must supplant political trickery, social solidarity must supplant social ostricisms, dynamic Christian living must supplant hypocrisy, and duplicity. Good must overcome evil. The church faces the challenge.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, October 29, 30, and 31, the problems and challenges of the present day church will be viewed and discussed from many points of view. It is earnestly desired that those who are interested in the continued dynamic progress of the church, the Baptist Church in particular, and especially the 1711 Baptist Churches in North Carolina, will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the 79th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention, convening at the time and place stated above. Sermons, addresses, panel discussions, and forums will highlight the Convention Program as we center our minds and hearts on the theme:

**"THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL ILLS."**

The most dangerous weakness of old people who have been amiable is to forget they are no longer so.—Rocheboucauld.

The cloud that thunders much, rains little.

—Hindustan Proverb.

Happy and brave and strong shall we be, able to endure all things and to do all things; if we believe that every day, every hour, every moment of our life is in His hands.

—Van Dyke.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

—I Timothy 1:15.

## Religion In Social Work

By Mrs. Fannie Newsome, Rich Square, N. C.

NOTE: This address was delivered at the 63rd annual session of the State Sunday School Convention which convened at Greenville, North Carolina, August 6-7, 1946. It is being carried in this edition of our paper in order that those who desire to profit by the helpful suggestions may have before them a constant guide and reminder relative to making the Christian Religion Effective in everyday life.—L. C. R.

Religion, especially the Christian religion is the mother of all social work. The Christian religion is the religion of the doctrines and teaching of Jesus Christ. Those of us who are Christians accept the doctrines and teachings of Jesus Christ. His life is our pattern. This pattern is found in our Bible. As Sunday School workers we are interested in saving lost souls and in strengthening saved souls.

The Bible is not concerned primarily with social interest, nor is it a book of social customs. Rather, the Bible is a book of spiritual instruction and materials in it on social life may be incidental. Read the Acts of the Apostles for earliest records of organized efforts for concern of the emerging Christian community for individuals needing assistance. A surprisingly large amount of material of the Bible relates directly or indirectly to social life.

The casual reading of the Bible may convince you that Jesus loved people, liked to be with them and was concerned about their everyday needs and actions. He mingled with children, young and old, rich and poor, well, sick, good and bad people. Jesus was criticized by some for His interest and participation in social affairs of people. Jesus had a normal and healthy attitude toward life. He had a well-developed, properly balanced social nature.

Jesus utilized social work to teach spiritual truths. May I call your attention to a few of these:

1. You remember He invited Himself home with Zaccheus and held a conversation concerning collecting taxes and other things that resulted in the repentance for Zaccheus.

2. You recall on one occasion a Pharisee invited Jesus to his house, but failed to provide the customary courtesy shown to a guest. Jesus accepted this opportunity to teach a spiritual truth. He rebuked the Pharisee.

3. Do you remember where Jesus taught Peter the lesson of supreme love? It was around the campfire on the shores of Galilee.

Yes, I repeat Jesus used social work to teach spiritual truths and to deepen spiritual impressions because of His deep, abiding interest in the spiritual things of life.

I have called your attention to these facts as

recorded in our Bible with the hope that it will deepen your conviction that the Christian religion and a concern for the collective body of persons composing our communities are not incompatible.

The early development of social work, was founded by the church, at first seemingly confined to the Christian fraternity, then bursting forth and ministering to all regardless of race, caste or creed.

Under the church's influence, orphanages, asylums, hospitals, and schools were organized. House to house visitation by ministers of the church were made establishing contact with the suffering and under-privileged people.

Social work should never be divorced from the Christian religion which gave birth, nurtured it and to which it owes everything. Yet, some of our churches and some of our Christians are farther behind in this work than we want to admit. They are not concerned with life. Their interest rests mainly on death. The teaching of spiritual truth, seems not their business, they are on their way to heaven lamenting over the evils of this world and what will become of the young generation when the older folks have gone.

Look at the life of Jesus, did He spend it only in the temples praying and shouting on His way to the Father? No, the Christ-like life is one for every day, hour, and moment of our lives. It is one of service through which we teach spiritual truths that help us live among people in peace and harmony, with the comforts and pleasure of the world. One need not worry too much about going to heaven, that will take place soon enough. Why not follow the examples of Christ? Stop complaining, look around ourselves and find the places where truths are not known and help teach them.

We need feet to follow in the path where Jesus leads the way;

Into the fields where harvests ripen day by day  
Now while the breath of morning scents all the dewy air;

Now in the sweet fresh dawning,  
Oh, follow Jesus there; and around us find that:

1. People are not receiving a living wage.
2. People are not receiving protection and justice.
3. People do not have comfortable homes, or conditions under which to live happily.
4. No food or enough clothing of the right kind.
5. Children out of school—weeks, months, and years.
6. People with no insurance against sickness and accidents.
7. People with no security in old age.
8. No co-operatives among our group for economic value.

9. No public transportation.
10. Need for good-will and co-operation among racial groups, religious groups.
11. No opportunity to vote.
12. No wholesome recreation.

These things and many more affect the lives of people. Some one needs to be concerned about what. Why not the Christian Leaders who know what Jesus recommends as the "Way of Life?"

Social and economic conditions have changed. The home was once the center for all of life, and the Christian mothers and fathers supplied all the needs of the family, physically, socially and spiritually.

The contacts of modern life are so many and so stimulating for young and old that the home in most cases is no longer the center of loyalty and devotion for the family. The social and amusement life of each member of the family is different.

In this machine age, workers are driven at a merciless pace and there is a great need for relaxation. The hours of leisure are increased and there is the urge for relaxation and creative activities. This leisure time should be used wisely to enrich lives and to build Character—Christian Character.

There are commercialized and socialized programs everywhere that give opportunity of relaxation during leisure hours, but they are unsafe and inadequate for Christians. Some of the commercialized programs, as you know, are carnivals, pool rooms, professional baseball, etc. They do not provide participation, they have little or no educational value, or do very little towards molding characters. The motive of commercialized amusement is to profit. Often it is harmful to health, to morals and to personality. For these reasons we say, commercialized amusements are unsafe.

It is said that commercialized and socialized agencies cannot be trusted to provide the type of recreation needed by church members. Some observers believe that the churches to save themselves must solve the problem of amusement to the need for relaxation of its membership, and that they can not solve it by ignoring it.

One author says that it is the Social Duty of the church to do three things:

1. Influence as far as possible socialized and commercialized amusements that exist.
2. Plainly preach and teach the highest Christian ideals and build such morals among church folk that they will not participate in the questionable forms of social life.
3. Build a program so attractive that it will largely satisfy the urge for relaxation and creativeness of church members.

I want to emphasize this building of an attractive program to satisfy the needs of its church

members. What greater need is there than that of molding character, building a spirit of good fellowship? While the ultimate goal and purpose of the church remains the same from age to age, yet the immediate needs of people will differ, and this necessitates varying methods for the achievements of the same goal. Do we try to make our church programs attractive? Posters—news articles—radio.

The church program may include along with its regular services and auxiliaries a Recreation Program of this type. **Physical Activities**—games, hikes, play ground activities, swimming, etc.

**Intellectual and mental activities** as libraries, reading rooms, exhibits, literary clubs, etc.

**Creative activities** as dramatics, handwork or project teaching.

**Social activities** as picnics, parties, teas, banquets.

A few churches in our state have scratched the surface with these programs, some have gone ahead with library, recreation or reception rooms. Here the membership is under wholesome supervision of Christian workers whose motives are not to make money, but to teach spiritual truths.

In many churches there are still older people who object to any social life under church auspices. As time goes on this will decrease. Our church folk can stand a lot of training yet as to what Jesus meant by the "Way." Some of us only can see God in a revival or thunder storm, but never in a flower, tree or mountain or painting.

Christians must enter the realm of social services and help bring the faith of Jesus to all people. No longer can we afford to just hang around or put out the sign "Sunday School Sunday Morning—Come one, Come all." There are too many other signs hanging out. Maybe we need to go out and get the people and we who are called by the name of Christ should stop sitting and waiting for communities and people to change, but rather say as this poet:

"I ask no heaven till earth be thine;

No glory crown while work of mine remaineth here.

When earth shall shine among the stars,

Her sins wiped out, her captives free,

Her voice a music unto Thee,

For crown, more work give thou to me,

Lord, here am I."

I believe a man should be proud of the city in which he lives, and that he should so live that the city will be proud that he lived in it.

—Lincoln.

The appeal of conscience is not less the voice of God than the expostulation at the gate of Damascus.

—W. L. Watkinson.

## Baptists: State and National

By C. F. Graves

A number of readers of the *Informer* have volunteered their favorable comments upon the contents of these various releases; and because I am a human being I thank them. It is claimed by them that they have learned much of the history of the Negro Baptists of the State and the earlier operations of our church State and National organizations and their objectives. They claim also that the releases are readable because they tell in a plain way about the men in the State and their Church work and the men who have gone from the State. Notwithstanding this little refreshing "shower" upon me by those who are generous enough, "my feet are yet on the ground" for I did not begin these articles for praise and no one really invited me to contribute them. I felt that my experiences recounted might serve a good purpose and I seek to increase the circulation of the paper without any thought of financial consideration.

Jamaica, N. Y. is 12 miles east of New York City on Long Island. Probably it is the largest and most commercially active of any community of the Island except Brooklyn. All the large stores have branches in Jamaica. There are home-like living places with front yards and vegetable gardens. Also numerous small churches are located within its boundaries. Most of its Negro residents are formerly from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida predominantly.

Rev. C. R. Mercer a Roanoke Institute graduate formerly of Shawboro, N. C. in Currituck County is pastor of St. John's Baptist Church. When Rev. Mercer accepted the pastorate two years ago, they took courage and are now going forward. When I accepted his invitation to be his guest speaker, I was thinking that this was a young church, but it is one of the Island's oldest churches. Several Baptist churches on the Island compose the Long Island Association, the St. John Church was in the beginning. Mrs. Mercer, formerly of Sneed's Ferry near Jacksonville, N. C. is an all around help mate at home and in church work. Miss Alice Knox, Jessie Bemby and wife, Mrs. Maggie Jernagin and Miss Leora V. Harris (teacher in Douglas High School, New York) all Roanoke Institute students and Mrs. Annie M. Mann were happily seen by us and are church going Baptists in the Northern cities.

Edenton, N. C. Warrens Grove Baptist church is pastored by Rev. J. E. Tillett. The Roanoke Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Conventions which were revived by us last year that we might cooperate more organically with the State and National organizations convened here. It could not have selected a more suitable place for the excessively hot weather nor the hospitality of its people. Rev. J. R. R. McRay is President. Five classes were taught during the two-day session,

representation in the State Conventions was authorized and Rev. H. L. Mitchell was selected. Director J. W. White was present and ably represented the B. T. U. work of the General Convention. The next session of 1947 is assigned to Hertford Baptists.

Belhaven, N. C. First Baptist church was the scene of an overflow the Sunday afternoon I was present (recently). It was the 35th anniversary of Dr. W. H. A. Stallings as pastor. During the week his services had been highly successful he stated that the sister denominations had been unusually liberal. He commended them, the Columbia, citizens and members that had followed him here to sing and speak and eat. This church has a microphone which broadcasts the services out into the city and its environs. It also has chimes that give tuneful and melodious songs that create an atmosphere of worship for the citizens throughout the area of this lovely and busy little sea port town. The people showed their appreciation for the services rendered the community through the influence of Dr. Stallings.

It is to be regretted that the offer made to James F. Wertz, of Charlotte to become Field Secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Sunday School Publishing Board was not accepted. Wertz is eminently fitted for this work. We have been desirous of having other young Baptists follow in the path blazed by Dr. S. N. Vass, first Secretary of Christian Education of the Sunday School Publishing Board was not accepted. Wertz is eminently fitted for this work. We have been desirous of having other young Baptists follow in the path blazed by Dr. S. N. Vass, first Secretary of Christian Education.

Hempstead, N. Y. I recently spoke for Rev. L. J. Thompson formerly of Hertford, N. C. on his 13th anniversary at Union Baptist Church. Union has a church organization that is highly inspirational and one of the best if not the best I now recall. With its 915 membership, the church only holds one church meeting a year. Second, there are no pastor's salary envelopes nor financial cards. Third, there are no revivals held, members unite at all services, Sunday School, Prayer Service, Missionary Service, Instructional Service. The services are 1¼-hour ; sermons or addresses 20 to 25 minutes, visiting speakers are asked not to "wise crack" but to enter immediately into his discussion. No work is stated concerning money; this has been studied most carefully. Prayer is asked by all in unison and Scripture is repeated. Plates are passed and on they go with the financial female clerk into the study. The table is not used for money, no officer comes to the table. After the offering the congregation breaks forth into "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." (Songs are rendered by all and not by the choir singing alone). There is no choir problem and

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# Program

## OF THE 79TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

October 29, 30 and 31

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON, October 29

- 2:00-4:00 P. M. .... Executive Committee Meeting  
Dr. O. S. Bullock, Chairman  
4:00-5:30 P. M. .... Board of Missions Meeting  
Dr. J. T. Hairston, Chairman

### TUESDAY EVENING, October 29

- Dr. P. A. Bishop, presiding  
Special Music: Bethel "A" Baptist Church—  
Brevard, N. C.

- 7:00-7:30 P. M. .... Service of Worship  
The Reverend H. H. Hart, Chm.  
Winton, N. C.

- 7:30-7:45 P. M. .... Theme Address  
The Reverend Thomas Kilgore,  
Executive Secretary  
General Baptist State Convention

- 7:45-8:30 P. M. .... Program of Welcome  
The Reverend J. F. Wertz, presiding  
Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church  
Charlotte, North Carolina

- ..... Response to Welcome  
Dr. G. W. Watkins  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Oxford, North Carolina

- 8:30-9:15 P. M. .... Opening Sermon  
The Reverend O. P. Foster  
Moderator, Deep River Association

- 9:15-9:30 P. M. .... Presentation of Convention  
Officers

- 9:30- ..... State Mission Offering  
The Reverends R. I. Boone  
Wilmington, N. C.  
and James Everette,  
Gastonia, N. C.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 30

- The Reverend W. W. H. Davidson, presiding  
9:00-9:30 A. M. .... Service of Worship  
"Divine Guidance in Combatting Social Ills"

- The Reverend J. A. White  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
The Reverend McKinley Hawkins  
Kinston, North Carolina

- 9:30-10:00 A. M. .... Enrollment  
The Reverend W. M. Warner, Chairman  
Moderator, Cedar Grove Association

- 10:00-10:45 A. M. .... Annual Address  
Dr. P. A. Bishop  
Rich Square, North Carolina  
President, General Baptist  
State Convention

- 10:45-11:30 A. M. .... Feature Address  
Dr. Vernon Johns  
Farmville, Virginia

- 11:30-12:15 P. M. .... Convention Sermon  
The Reverend W. L. Mason  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

- 12:15-12:30 P. M. .... Presentation of New Pastors,  
New Delegates and Visitors

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, October 30

- Dr. P. A. Bishop, presiding  
2:00-2:30 P. M. .... Service of Worship  
"The Prophets and Social Ills"  
The Reverend J. L. Morgan  
Hertford, North Carolina  
The Reverend C. S. Hall  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
2:30-2:45 P. M. .... Introduction of THE FIFTY  
THOUSAND CLUB

- 2:45-3:30 P. M. .... Reports  
Executive Secretary  
Director of Christian Education and  
Training  
Editor, Baptist Informer & Manager,  
Baptist Supply Store  
W. H. & F. M. Convention—Mrs. Viola Mc-  
Millan  
State Sunday School Convention—  
Mrs. E. M. Butler  
State Baptist Training Union Con-  
vention—Mr. J. T. Hawkins  
Evangelistic Board—Reverend H. H.  
Hart

- 3:30-4:30 P. M. .... Panel Discussion  
"The Church and Social Ills"

- 4:30-5:00 P. M. .... General Discussion  
5:00-5:15 P. M. .... Appointment of Committees

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, October 30

- Dr. P. A. Bishop, presiding  
Music: Shaw University Choir  
7:00-7:30 P. M. ....  
"Practical Experiments in Combatting Social Ills"  
Reverend C. D. Gallup  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Reverend J. J. Alexander  
Hickory, North Carolina  
Reverend W. H. A. Stallings  
Edenton, North Carolina

- 7:30-8:00 P. M. .... Service of Worship  
"Christian Education An Antidote for Social Ills"  
Reverend Charles Ward  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

- 8:00-8:25 P. M. .... Address  
Dr. R. P. Daniel  
President, Shaw University

- 8:30- ..... Sermon  
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays  
President, Morehouse College  
..... Offering for Shaw University  
Dr. J. W. Hairston  
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church  
Asheville, North Carolina

### THURSDAY MORNING, October 31

- Reverend D. C. Gore, presiding  
9:00-9:30 A. M. .... Service of Worship

**"The Teachings of Jesus Concerning Social Ills"**

Reverend K. P. Battle

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Reverend J. A. Davis

Kelford, North Carolina

9:30-10:00 A.M. .... **The Oxford Orphanage**

Mr. T. A. Hamme

Superintendent, Oxford Orphanage

Oxford, North Carolina

10:00-11:00 A. M. .... **Moderator's Hour****"What Our Associations are Doing to Combat Social Ills"**

The Reverend T. V. Foster, Chairman

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

11:00-11:30 A. M. .... **Shaw University School**

of Religion

Dean W. R. Strassner

11:30- ..... **Sermon**

Rev. E. W. Dixon

Pastor, Hill Street Baptist Church

Asheville, North Carolina

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, October 31**

Dr. P. A. Bishop, presiding

2:00-2:15 P. M. .... **Service of Worship****"The Value of Worship in Combating Social Ills"**

Rev. H. W. Wiley

Mebane, North Carolina

2:15-3:00 P. M. .... **Sermon**

Reverend Moses Newsome

Pastor, First Baptist Church

Charleston, West Virginia

3:00-3:50 P. M. .... **Panel Discussion****"Christianity at Work in Church and Social Agencies"**3:50-4:15 P. M. .... **General Discussion**4:15-5:00 P. M. .... **Report of Committees**5:00-5:30 P. M. .... **Memorial Service**

Reverend H. L. Mitchell, presiding

Pastor, Mount Olive Bpst. Ch.

Lewiston, North Carolina

Reverend L. G. Nichols

Pastor, Providence Baptist Church

Edenton, North Carolina

Reverend R. J. Davidson

Pastor, First Baptist Church

Shelby, North Carolina

**THURSDAY EVENING, October 31**

Dr. P. A. Bishop, presiding

Music: New Bethel Baptist Church Choir

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

7:30-8:00 P. M. .... **Service of Worship****"Missions and World Social Ills"**

Reverend S. G. Dunston

Louisburg, North Carolina

Reverend L. M. Gooch

Stem, North Carolina

8:00-8:45 P. M. .... **Address**

Reverend Boaz A. Harris

8:45- P. M. .... **Sermon**

Reverend Jerry Drayton

Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

..... **Offering for Foreign****Missions**

The Reverends T. H. Dwelle

Fayetteville, North Carolina

and H. C. Hill

New Bern, North Carolina

**Baptists: State and National**

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yet the choir is one of the best. Miss Weaver sings and plays, with her two choirs. The speaker delivers his message; and all officers assemble in front of the pulpit while an invitation to unite with the church is extended. The pastor receives an average compensation of \$250 per month. The church has been beautified and there is an amplifier. Over \$600 was given for benevolence, visiting speakers and the needy and \$100 to Shaw University. The spirit of genuine worship activates all of Union's services. There are generous contributions to Foreign Missions; more land has been purchased by the church for further expansion. I believe the stewardship problem has developed rich fruitage as developed at Union through Rev. Thompson's leadership and much can be learned from his method. He is a modest, able and fearless, intelligent preacher.

**Cedar Grove Association****Contributions not listed in last month's Informer  
Received at Association**

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Allen's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. S. Wood         | \$ 5.00 |
| Blackwell Baptist Church: Rev. H. W. Wiley          | 10.00   |
| Blue Stone Baptist Church: Rev. Wm. Warner          | 10.00   |
| Brown's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. C. S. Griffiths | 31.00   |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church: Rev. H. W. Wiley           | 5.00    |
| First Baptist Church: Rev. H. W. Wiley              | 61.00   |
| Grave's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. C. W. McBroom   | 52.50   |
| Gwynns Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. J. H. Badgett    | 1.00    |
| Homer Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. H. W. Wiley       | 59.64   |
| High Rock Baptist Church: Rev. S. S. Warren         | 3.00    |
| High Street Baptist Church: Rev. J. C. Caple        | 2.00    |
| Jefferies Cross Baptist Church                      | 19.50   |
| Kane's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. C. P. Williamson | 10.00   |
| Kime's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. L. Bradsher      | 1.00    |
| McClainsville Baptist Church: Rev. S. Wood          | 10.00   |
| Mill Hill Baptist Church: Rev. E. B. Thompson       | 20.00   |
| Mineral Springs Baptist Church: Rev. J. S. Warren   | 2.25    |
| Morning Star Baptist Church: Rev. S. L. Badgett     | 36.00   |
| Mount Hermon Baptist Church: Rev. T. B. Wilson      | 25.00   |
| Mount Olive Baptist Church: Rev. Harvey Gwynn       | 6.00    |
| Mount Zion Baptist Church: Rev. S. L. Badgett       | 38.90   |
| New Ephesus Baptist                                 | 22.46   |
| New Haven Baptist Church: Rev. A. B. Whitlock       | 1.00    |
| New Zion Baptist Church: Rev. J. H. Love            | 7.71    |
| Prospect Hill Baptist Church: Rev. E. B. Thompson   | 25.00   |
| Providence Baptist Church: Rev. C. P. Love          | 3.00    |
| River Zion Baptist Church: Rev. T. B. Wilson        | 6.00    |
| Rocky Ridge Baptist Church: Rev. J. H. W. Wiley     | 25.00   |
| Sassafras Grove Baptist Church: Rev. Wm. Warner     | 23.00   |
| Shady Grove Baptist Church: Rev. C. W. McBroom      | 58.40   |
| Shiloh Baptist Church: Rev. C. P. Love              | 20.00   |
| Smith Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. C. P. Love        | 4.00    |
| Spring Grove Baptist Church                         | 2.00    |
| Sunny Home Baptist Church: Rev. J. P. Griffith      | 15.00   |
| Sweet Gum Grove Baptist Church: Rev. Wm. Warner     | 24.02   |
| Warren's Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. J. W. Wiley    | 10.00   |
| Yanceyville Baptist Church: Rev. J. H. Love         | 10.00   |
| Youngs' Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. H. W. Wiley     | 30.00   |
| Zion Level Baptist Church: Rev. Willie Blend        | 15.00   |
| Cedar Grove Baptist Association                     | 60.00   |
| Cedar Grove Sunday School Convention                | 15.00   |

TOTAL ..... \$792.38

Change the dream of me and mine  
To the truth of Thee and Thine.  
—Whittier.

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty,  
in all things charity."

Selfishness is forgetting others in an over-remembering of self. Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.—Carlyle.

## WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

### Auxiliary To The General Baptist Convention of North Carolina

MRS. VIOLA McMILLAN, *President*

MRS. ELLEN S. ALSTON, *Executive Secretary*

*"I am not my own but have been bought with a price."* I Cor. 6:19-20.

### OUR GOALS

25,000 more souls saved

25,000 more enlisted

\$25,000 for Missions and Education.

We believe that the goal of 25,000 souls, enlistments and money is a reasonable one. It is one we CAN and OUGHT to reach. It WILL require special effort and sincere prayers on the part of our workers, but by looking to God for strength and guidance we can attain our Goals.

### MISSION STUDY

The following Mission Study textbooks are now available at the Baptist Supply Store and are recommended for class study and individual study.

1. Helping Others to Become Christians
2. Missions in the Bible
3. God, Man and Missions
4. How to Win to Christ
5. A Preface to Interracial Understanding
6. Intercessory Prayer

### OUR FIELD WORKER'S ADDRESS

Mrs. M. J. Brown

517 West 144th Street—Apartment 3

New York 31, New York

### A TIMELY REMINDER

Please be reminded that the First Quarter ends November 28, 1946. Let us have your contribution for His cause.

## Our Monthly Message

Dear Sisters and Co-Workers:

It is good to greet you in the name of the Lord and to know that you are still working hard for the growth and unity of Christ's Kingdom.

The closing of the 1945-1946 Conventional year, which the Lord blessed because of your earnest prayers, brings the realization of great things attempted for the Lord, as gained from the very fine reports from workers all over our vast State, of lives reclaimed—organization of missionary institutes and missionary departments—above all, the souls won to Christ.

The closing of one working conventional year brings us to another to begin more intensive and more earnest prayerfulness for the promotion and building of His Kingdom. Needless to

say, we are grateful and thank you for your past contributions for missions and Christian education, which expresses your love for Christ and His great cause.

We are in the midst of the First Quarter. If you have failed to do all that you could in the expansion of His Kingdom in the past year, prayerfully search your heart and the Holy Spirit will lead you in answering. He has given you another chance. The slate is clean. Will you begin it aright by giving to God First in this First Quarter?

The JUNIOR CALENDAR, after much anticipation, is being distributed, and calls are received through our office daily. Please study the contents carefully, as it contains timely programs and suggestions for use in your junior work. Let us ever bear in mind our goals for 1947, as outlined by our Junior Supervisor, Mrs. L. E. McGrier. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Heb. 12:1.

THE MANUAL for missionary workers of our Convention and the Posters used in teaching our program, will soon be mailed to you with much helpful information for your guidance. Many have already paid the small price of twenty-five cents (25c). If you have not paid, and wish to have one or more copies mailed to you, please notify the office and we shall be happy to forward same at once.

We are asking your sincere prayers for our Field Worker, Mrs. Martha J. Brown, who, at present, is confined to the hospital due to illness.

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23.

May the Lord of Hosts ever bless the fruits of your labor.

Yours for United Growth in Kingdom Building,

ELLEN S. ALSTON

Executive Secretary.

## Clarification

For clarification of Auxiliary status of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, the following statements are given as presented by the members of the Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention to the Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention:

I "By Auxiliary we do not mean:

- A. That the General Baptist State Convention desires or contemplates handling the financial affairs of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention,
- B. That the General Baptist State Convention desires or contemplates selecting of-

ficers for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention,

- C. That the General Baptist State Convention desires or contemplates directing the Missionary Training Program of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention,

### II The General Baptist State Convention suggests and desires:

- A. More accurate business administration in handling the financial affairs of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention,
- B. A true Baptist Church relationship in the operation of the total church program in North Carolina,
- C. Larger participation of women on the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention,
- D. That certain constitutional changes will be made, setting forth the status of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention as an Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention,

### III The General Baptist State Convention desires that the proposals presented by the Executive Secretary to the Board of Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention on Wednesday, August 21, be given thorough study and that the following action be taken during the present (62nd Annual Session) session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention.

- A. A special committee be appointed from the Executive Board to crystallize said proposals, working out needed constitutional changes and presenting same in open meeting of the present session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missions Convention.
- B. That the constituency be given an opportunity to vote on the two following items:
1. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missions Convention as an Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention,
  2. The acceptance of the above mentioned proposals in their crystallized form."

Signed

Executive Committee  
General Baptist State Convention  
of North Carolina

By:

O. S. Bullock, Chairman  
G. W. Watkins, Secretary  
P. A. Bishop, President  
Thomas Kilgore, Executive Secretary

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1946 (Woman's Convention)

### SENIORS

|                                                                          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Bladen County Union, Mrs. Evalena Baldwin .....                          | \$ 16.00 |
| Mrs. Ellen Powell .....                                                  | .35      |
| Third Creek Church, Stony Point, Mrs. Martha L. Miller .....             | 2.00     |
| Cleveland County, Mrs. Lucretia Davis .....                              | 10.00    |
| Red Bud Church, Mrs. Mary A. Chatham .....                               | 10.00    |
| Personal Donation, Mrs. A. P. Middleton .....                            | 7.00     |
| Mizeph Baptist Church, Mrs. Frankie Kizlie .....                         | 4.00     |
| Woman's North Bound Union, Mrs. O. B. Sugg .....                         | 25.00    |
| Union Baptist Circle, Tarboro, Mrs. Viola McMillan .....                 | 10.00    |
| Buncombe City-County Union, Mrs. Bessie Gossett .....                    | 5.00     |
| Patilla's, Halifax County, Mrs. A. C. Matthews .....                     | 6.00     |
| West Roanoke Association Auxiliary, Mrs. Dora A. Newsome .....           | 1,500.00 |
| West Roanoke Association Auxiliary, Mrs. Dora A. Newsome .....           | 500.00   |
| Woman's Missionary Union (White), Miss Ora Alford .....                  | 1,000.00 |
| Piney Grove Circle, Jackson, Mrs. J. C. Hawkins .....                    | 10.00    |
| First Baptist, Kinston, Mrs. Zephia Holgood .....                        | 15.00    |
| Mt. Calvary, Shelby, Mrs. Wilhelmina Elmore .....                        | 14.00    |
| Bethel Circle, Brevard, Mrs. Pearl Robinson .....                        | 10.00    |
| Woman's Missionary Society, Barboro, Mrs. J. H. Waugh .....              | 20.00    |
| New Era Sunday School, Miss Velma Graham .....                           | 20.00    |
| St. John Missionary Circle, Mrs. Beatrice Payton .....                   | 31.00    |
| St. Stephen, Chadburn, Mrs. Naomi Daniel .....                           | 5.00     |
| First Baptist Circle, Weldon, Mrs. R. A. Cheek .....                     | 5.00     |
| Mt. Catawba Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Lottie Barbour .....                 | 20.00    |
| Book Sales, Evered, R. W. Uterova .....                                  | 14.00    |
| East Cumberland County, Stedman, Mrs. Ethel L. Malloy .....              | 20.00    |
| Raleigh City Missionary Union, Mrs. Harriet Smith .....                  | 4.75     |
| Galilee Circle, Smithfield—Mrs. Mattie Avery .....                       | 5.50     |
| Royal Representative Fee, Mrs. Della Saunders .....                      | 5.00     |
| Columbus County Union, Mrs. Bessie L. Powell .....                       | 31.00    |
| Union Association, Senior Department, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....         | 50.00    |
| Succorale, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                                    | .50      |
| Pleasant Grove Circle, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                        | 10.00    |
| First Baptist, St. Paul, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                      | 5.00     |
| Union Hill Circle, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                            | 1.00     |
| Swan's Creek Circle, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                          | 5.00     |
| Savannah Circle, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                              | 1.00     |
| First Baptist, Parkton, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                       | 2.50     |
| First New Light, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                              | 7.00     |
| Piney Grove Circle, Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....                           | 10.00    |
| Personal Donation, Mrs. Laura Hill, by Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....        | 1.00     |
| Personal Donation—Mrs. Carrie B. Crumpler, by Mrs. Nannie L. Smith ..... | 2.00     |
| Personal Donation—Mrs. Maggie Kirk, by Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....        | 1.00     |
| Pilgrim Rest Baptist Circle, Wilmington—Mrs. Gladys Whitfield .....      | 2.00     |
| Pleasant Grove Baptist Circle, Elizabethtown, Rev. M. D. Machen .....    | 1.00     |
| Willow Chapel Baptist—Robertsville—Rev. C. E. Ebon .....                 | 1.00     |
| First Baptist—Raleigh—Dr. O. S. Bullock .....                            | 12.50    |

TOTAL FOR SENIORS \$3,418.75

### JUNIOR CONTRIBUTIONS

|                                                             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Chinquapin Grove V.B.S.—Mrs. Sarah Cain .....               | \$ 2.19 |
| Mt. Gilead Junior Department, Durham—Mrs. A. L. Tuck .....  | 4.00    |
| Union Baptist W.L.C.—Tarboro—Mrs. Viola McMillan .....      | 1.50    |
| Union Baptist Grade Roll—Tarboro—Mrs. McMillan .....        | .50     |
| First Baptist—Fuquay—Mrs. Ora Harris .....                  | 8.00    |
| Bladen County Junior Union—Miss Annie Ruth Brown .....      | 5.00    |
| Mt. Vernon—Durham—Mrs. Rachel Clark .....                   | 1.50    |
| Upper Sampson County Union—Mrs. A. R. Butler .....          | 13.00   |
| Mills Chapel Junior Department—Mrs. Annie J. Duke .....     | 6.00    |
| Penn Avenue Bible Band—Mrs. Bettie Henrhand .....           | 1.50    |
| East Cumberland County Junior Union—Mrs. Ethel Malloy ..... | 10.00   |
| China Grove Junior Circle—Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....        | 5.00    |
| Union Association Junior Union—Mrs. Nannie L. Smith .....   | 30.00   |
| Book Sales—Mrs. Julia Reed .....                            | 3.24    |
| Junior Calendar Sales—Mrs. A. P. Middleton .....            | 8.75    |
| Junior Calendar Sales—Mrs. Alice Hilliard .....             | 8.61    |

TOTAL FOR JUNIORS \$ 108.79

GRAND TOTAL \$3,527.54

Believe in yourself—that you, even you, can do some of the work which God would like done, and that unless you do it, it will remain undone.

—Henry Drummond.

## DEPARTMENT OF Christian Education and Training

Leon C. Riddick, Director  
John W. White, B. T. U. Director

### FORWARD!! IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Associations, Missionary organizations, Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Union Conventions, along with the 17 hundred Missionary Baptist churches of our state, are doing a marvelous work in promoting Christian Education and Training.

The emphasis placed upon trained Christian leadership is so great that one will be almost justified in saying, that the present period is one of "Great Awakening" in Christian Education and Training. Almost daily, requests are being made through the office of Christian Education and Training for the names and addresses of those persons who have been certified by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to serve as teachers in Training Courses.

Typical of the work being done by the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Conventions of our state is that of the New Bern - Eastern Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention, being led so successfully by the Mr. G. W. Moore and Mr. A. B. West. The Mr. Moore is president of the Sunday School, the Mr. West is president of the Baptist Training Union Convention. Messrs. Moore and West are working harmoniously in the two organizations to promote the cause of Christian Education. Briefly speaking, we can say, that the New Bern-Eastern Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention is a one hundred percent convention. The spirit of cooperation with the state program is beyond questioning. In its annual meeting, when the time came to send delegates and a representative

fee to the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention the spirit of joy prevailed in both organizations. The manifestation of this spirit was seen in smiles and readiness to do even more than the convention (state) suggested. (The pictures of Mr. Moore and Mr. West will appear in a later issue of this paper).

An example of extraordinary work being done by the Woman's Missionary organizations of North Carolina is that of the West Roanoke Missionary Convention, led by the dynamic personality and pioneer Christian leadership of Mrs. Rachel L. Boyce, who is also an educator. The spirit which prevails in this organization can truthfully be referred to as a "fountain of inspiration and information to everyone visiting its sessions.

This Missionary organization cooperated one hundred percent with the program of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. In making past appropriations for its objectives, the sum of \$200.00 was given for Christian Education and Training in Bertie and Hertford Counties. This amount is being sent, as all other money, to the Baptist Headquarters, from which instructors will be sent to the counties to conduct training institutes.

The work being done for Christian Education and Training by the Mud Creek Association, with the Reverend E. W. Dixon as its moderator, is symbolic of the work being done throughout our state among the 56 associations. The Mud Creek Association is sponsoring a year-round recreational program. During the summer months a Bible Camp was sponsored at Flat Rock, the Educa-

tional and Training Center for the association.

The association is loyal in its support to the Unified Program.

Among the 17 hundred churches that are doing, we might say, almost advanced work in Christian Education and Training is the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, at Belmont, North Carolina. There at the foothill of the mountain under the energetic leadership of its pastor, Reverend J. W. Hairston, Jr., we find a complete faculty of trained Christian workers in all phases of church work.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Reeves the Baptist Training Union has become one of the most progressive in our state. This church, like hundreds of others throughout the state, is making a great contribution to our state program, not only through its financial support, but by training and sending out qualified Christian leaders.

### BIBLE READING MONTH

The period from Thanksgiving to Christmas will be observed as WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING MONTH. The Department of Christian Education, in an effort to encourage more daily Bible reading among Christian people, has secured many helpful aids and suggestions for this period. Much of the material has been issued through orders filled for Sunday School literature. Please write for free periodicals or any other information which you desire for your church or individual purpose to:

Department of Christian  
Education

Post Office Box 287

Raleigh, North Carolina



The First Church of Raleigh and Pastor O. S. Bullock

## FIRST CHURCH OBSERVES DUAL ANNIVERSARY

Raleigh—The First Baptist church here, observed October 6-15 the 134th anniversary of the church and the 25th of Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor, with nine days of activities, climaxed by a banquet, the evening of October 15.

Throughout the observance, the progress of the church and the outstanding leadership of Pastor Bullock was heralded.

Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, gave the principal anniversary sermon Sunday morning, October 13. The anniversary was formally opened the previous Sunday with a sermon by Dr. J. T. Hairston of Greensboro.

Other special features included Convention night, October 9, with the Rev. Thomas Kilgore, executive secretary as speaker; Joint Communion Service of Baptist Churches, October 6, and a musicale sponsored by the three choirs of the church, Sunday evening, October 13.

Among other outstanding speakers were: the Rev. C. E. Griffin, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. G. O. Bullock, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. (brother of pastor); President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University; Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, U. S. A.; Dr. A. S. Croom, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Durham; the Rev. W. F. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church of High Point (formerly pastored by Dr. Bullock); the Rev. G. E. Cheek, director of Public Relations at Shaw University, and the Rev. George S. Stokes, moderator of the Wake Baptist Association.

### Began as Inter-racial Church

The First Baptist Church was founded in 1812 under the leadership of Elder Robert T. Daniel with 14 Negro members and 9 white.

When the first church structure was constructed in 1818 at a cost of \$600, the Negro and white members worshipped together. This dual worship continued until 1868 when the Negro membership commenced an extensive agitation campaign directed towards a separate church and ended in the withdrawal of the white membership.

The church since its separation, has developed miraculously and is recognized as one of the leading churches in the south.

### Pastorate of Dr. Bullock

The present pastor, Dr. O. S. Bullock, was called to the church on August 7, 1921. Under his leadership the physical and spiritual developments of the church have been phenomenal. Among the accomplishments made during his quarter century of service are: purchase of the first parsonage at a cost of \$9,000; erection of a modern baptisery; purchase of oak pews at a cost of \$4,300; purchase of two Sunday School buses at a cost of \$6,300; erection of an Educational Building at a cost of \$16,000; adoption of the Standard Sunday School plan as offered by Southern Baptist Convention; division of the church membership into ten geographical groups; adoption of unified system of church finance with one depository for all departments; erection of a new parsonage at a cost of \$7,000; purchase of building for future expansion at a cost of \$25,000; receipt of \$275,000 for expenses and improvements, and addition of more than 2,000 souls to the church.

## NORTHEASTERN CONVENTION

The Northeastern district of the General Convention will hold its annual session, October 21-22, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, it was announced this week by the Rev. C. C. Staton, executive secretary, of the body.

Among outstanding features

for the session will be the annual sermon, to be preached by Dr. H. H. Hart of Winston; the annual address of President J. H. Tillett, and a report of the activities of Mr. Staton. The Rev. T. V. Foster of Rocky Mount, will preach the doctrinal sermon.

## "A GOOD WAY TO OBSERVE THE FIFTH SUNDAY"

During the past year, we have put forth every effort to make our Sunday School a success. Our efforts were climaxed Sunday, September 29th, when Superintendent H. L. Price and his officers and teachers planned and carried out "Promotion Day" exercises during the Sunday School period. The promotions were made according to the standard grading basis. In addition to the carefully planned promotions, the Sunday School enjoyed three special numbers given by its members. These were an interesting paper on "Promotion Day," by Miss M. L. Thomas, two inspiring poems on "Love" by Miss Pauline Matthews, and an impressive duet "My Jesus I Love Thee," by the Misses Esther Mae Little and Jessie Simon. The entire program was enjoyed by all, and interest seems to be high for the coming year.

The First Baptist Church of this city has consented for the Youth of its membership to have charge of the morning services on each fifth Sunday during the year. Sunday, September 29th being a fifth Sunday, they were given a chance to come to the front for the third time this year. A Rev. B. B. Sturdivant of this county delivered a very high spirited sermon based on the thought of "Building on the Rock Christ Jesus." The young people proved themselves quite capable of carrying on in every way. They had a very appreciative congregation as an audience. It was indeed inspiring to the grown-ups to see the church of tomorrow in action.

Mrs. D. D. Hammonds has charge of this group and is doing a fine piece of work with them.

The senior Missionaries had charge of service for the fifth Sunday night, with Mrs. D. D. Hammonds acting as mistress of ceremonies. The ladies gave their program just as the spirit moved them; and so we shared the evening with them as they expressed themselves in passages of Scripture, readings and songs. It was remarkable how they rallied up to the occasion; thus proving to the audience that one is never too old to render his bit of service.

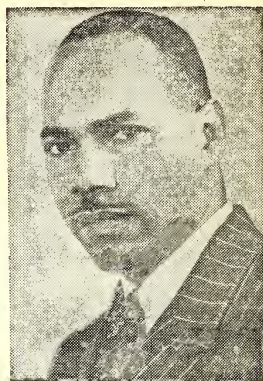
—(Mrs.) R. B. Price

## NEED OF HOLY GOSPEL STILL IS UNIVERSAL

By ROLAND F. BEASLEY  
in Monroe Journal

In the hubbub we notice one sane word. It came from Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick when he welcomed his successor to the pulpit from which Dr. Fosdick is retiring. The church is the Riverside Baptist Church in New York. The new preacher is a Scotchman and believes that the Lord sent him to this pastorate. In introducing his successor, Dr. Fosdick told him not to let New York City "get you down." He urged him to forget that he was preaching to New Yorkers, asserting that "if ever you faced plain ordinary human beings who needed the Christian Gospel to help them live, you'll face them here."

The plain, ordinary citizen who needs and is searching for a Gospel to help him live, is not much in the news. That is why the world picture seems to be so dark. Sometimes we feel that our editors, preachers, teachers, and spokesmen generally are so interested in solving world problems that they have little time for the difficulties of the plain, ordinary citizen whose problems are not world wide, but personal. We are inclined to forget the satisfaction as well as the disappointments in life come not from



The Rev. Percy Williams, right, and the Rev. V. A. Edwards, left, have recently been appointed special full-time field workers of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., it was announced early this month by Secretary A. M. Townsend.

The Rev. Mr. Williams who has served for the past 18 months as assistant pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, will serve as director of the field work program of the department of Christian Education of the board working in cooperation with state departments.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards, former director of Religion and Rural Life at Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Ga., will serve in the capacity of director of the Rural Church Division of the department of Christian Education.

the way world problems are handled but from the influences and principles which govern our individual lives. To have high standards of conduct and strive constantly to live up to them is the only refuge from the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" which come in every life, high and low, fortunate or unfortunate. One's own character and attitude towards the world is the backlog of happiness as well as the fortification against adversity. And such character and attitude is manifest in completeness in the life and teaching of Jesus. All human experience certifies to this truth and to ignore it spells ultimate disaster to every life. This, it seems to be, is what Dr. Fosdick meant when he said the plain, ordinary citizen, whether in New York, in the smallest village, or the remotest country, needs a gospel to live by.

## FINAL RITES FOR ETTA TAYLOR HELD

Elizabeth City, N. C.—Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Duers

Taylor were held from Olive Branch Baptist Church, Oct. 3, with the Rev. D. L. Simon officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. R. R. McRae and the Rev. S. W. Hill. Mrs. S. S. Hardy sang a solo. Papers, telegrams and a eulogy were read by Miss Helen Reid.

Mrs. Taylor died Sept. 29 at her home on Factory Street following a long illness. She lived a consistently Christian life, and faithfully discharged her duties as a member of the church from which she was funeralized.

## NEWS—NOTES

The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Union Association held a very successful session with the First New Light Baptist Church near Elizabethtown, N. C. September 14th and 15th.

The theme United in Kingdom Building was discussed throughout the entire session. The annual address of the president Mrs. A. L. Fairly was a special number, which was very much enjoyed.

# TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SEC- RETARY FOR MISSIONS AND CHRIS- TIAN EDUCATION DURING SEP- TEMBER, 1946

|                                                              |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| First Baptist—New Bern: Rev. T. L. Bynum                     | \$ 5.00 |
| First Baptist—Apex: Reverend S. F. Daly                      | 11.64   |
| First Baptist—Lillington: Reverend E. A. Parham              | 1.00    |
| Mr. H. A. Dawson—Rocky Mount                                 | 5.00    |
| White Oak—Ratonsville: Reverend P. Lewis                     | 1.15    |
| Damascus Baptist: Reverend R. W. Barber                      | 1.00    |
| Cool Spring—Garysburg: Reverend F. L. Bullock                | 40.00   |
| Pineywood Chapel—Ahskicie: Reverend W. H. Trotman            | 15.00   |
| Mount Vernon—Durham: Reverend J. H. Thomas                   | 300.00  |
| Red Hill—Reverend H. H. Hart                                 | 16.10   |
| Mrs. M. A. Reid—Bricks                                       | 1.00    |
| Providence—Greenville: Reverend O. J. Rooks                  | 2.86    |
| Women's Union—West Roanoke Association: Mrs. R. Luton        | 200.00  |
| Boys                                                         |         |
| Adam—Wallace: Reverend L. C. Riddick                         | 44.00   |
| Lane's Creek Sunday School Convention—Miss Helen E. Chambers | 37.00   |
| First Baptist—Stedman: Reverend J. D. Raeford                | 1.02    |
| Gaston Baptist—Henrico: Reverend W. T. Edmonds               | 13.00   |
| Oak Grove—Garysburg: Reverend N. K. Dunn                     | 10.00   |
| Michael Creek—Oxford: Reverend P. Lewis                      | 2.51    |
| Saint John—Middleburg: Reverend C. L. Faison                 | 3.20    |
| Pine Grove—Macon: Reverend C. C. Staton                      | 8.25    |
| First Baptist—Smithfield: Mr. W. Holden                      | 20.00   |
| Osaky Grove—Reverend L. Bess                                 | 5.00    |
| Ebenezer—Charlotte: Reverend H. M. Moore                     | 15.10   |
| First Baptist—Lawndale: Reverend W. L. Johnson               | 4.53    |
| Little Field Missionary—Newton Grove: Reverend A. C. Jones   | 1.00    |
| Morning Star—Hilary: Reverend C. R. Harper                   | 3.16    |
| First Baptist—Fayetteville: Reverend T. H. Dwell             | 41.00   |
| First Baptist—Southern Pines: Reverend W. D. Burton          | 10.00   |
| Indiawood Missionary Circle—Reverend H. Ruffin               | 20.00   |
| Zion Hill—Seaboard: Reverend R. H. Kidd                      | 10.00   |
| Jerusalem—Elberon: Reverend M. P. Davis                      | 2.76    |
| Reverend E. S. Wiley—Franklin, N. C.                         | 5.00    |
| Waynesville Association—Reverend J. H. Smith                 | 1.00    |
| Miss Mable Brent—Statesville                                 | 18.50   |
| T. V. Mangum—Statesville                                     | 17.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams—Statesville                     | 2.00    |
| Mrs. Florence Davidson—Statesville                           | 2.00    |
| Miss M. A. Williams—Statesville                              | 1.00    |
| Mrs. Ossie Morrison—Statesville                              | 1.00    |
| Mrs. Mattie Starks—Statesville                               | 2.00    |
| Mrs. J. Q. Davidson—Statesville                              | 4.00    |
| First Baptist—Statesville: Reverend J. W. Croom              | 88.50   |
| Springfield—Auburn: Reverend M. W. Williams                  | 10.44   |
| Mount Pleasant—Reverend W. M. Smith                          | 25.00   |
| Shiloh Association—Reverend H. Burchett                      | 225.00  |
| Temple Memorial—Reverend F. R. Mason                         | 8.00    |
| Chinquapan—Grove—Cana: Mrs. Sarah Cain                       | 7.91    |
| Gethsemane—Durham: Reverend L. Mason                         | 2.00    |
| Mount Valley—Reverend J. M. Patterson                        | 3.02    |
| Patterson Grove—Reverend J. M. Patterson                     | 2.28    |
| Trap Hill—Reverend J. M. Patterson                           | 1.32    |
| Roanoke Zion—Reverend W. E. Beamon                           | 1.00    |
| Pleasant Grove—Norlina: Reverend S. G. Dunston               | 2.00    |
| Hook's Grove—Pikesville: Reverend S. E. Bowden               | 4.26    |
| Rocky Spring—Crescentmoor: Reverend L. J. Alexander          | 4.00    |
| First Baptist—Durham: Reverend W. E. Beamon                  | 3.00    |
| Snow Hill—Roseboro: Reverend W. Beamon                       | 11.00   |
| Snow Hill—Roseboro: Reverend W. Beamon                       | 5.00    |
| Barnes Chapel—Goldsboro: Reverend W. D. Mitchell             | 1.00    |
| Red Hill—Wardersville: Reverend W. E. Beamon                 | 1.00    |
| Union Hill—Aurtryville: Reverend A. Boone                    | 16.00   |
| Saint John—Chadbourn: Reverend N. H. Hamer                   | 2.00    |
| Reverend N. L. Horton—Clayton                                | 2.00    |
| West Lenoir State Baptist—Fahs: Reverend N. L. Horton        | 50.00   |
| Saint Paul—Enfield: Reverend F. L. Bullock                   | 50.00   |
| Red Oak—Bailey: Reverend B. H. Edwards                       | 3.80    |
| Saint Delight—Nashville: Reverend Ned Jones                  | 1.51    |
| Imberlake Grove—Zion—Reverend Ned Jones                      | 2.25    |
| Miss Lula Lamkins—Statesville                                | 1.00    |
| Mrs. Carson—Statesville                                      | 1.00    |
| Mrs. Lillian Dail—Statesville                                | 1.00    |
| Bassell Creek—Holly Springs: Reverend H. H. Hart             | 3.05    |
| Warrenton Baptist—Warrenton: Reverend C. L. Faison           | 8.73    |
| Fairview—Salsburg: Reverend V. C. Burns                      | 3.00    |
| Philippi Baptist—Reverend H. H. Hart                         | 3.05    |
| Zion Hill—Whiteville: Reverend T. McIntyre                   | 40.00   |
| Reverend J. M. Patterson                                     | 1.38    |
| First Baptist—Severn: Reverend E. L. Brown                   | 20.00   |
| First Baptist—Statesville: Reverend J. W. Croom              | 1.00    |
| Friendship—Gastonia: Reverend C. S. Hall                     | 112.00  |
| Walnut Grove—Macon: Reverend J. S. Spruill                   | 7.00    |
| Ware Creek—Reverend W. M. Jordan                             | 27.25   |
| Dickies Grove—Reverend H. H. Brodie                          | 3.85    |
| Roberts Chapel—Reverend J. T. Hairston                       | 4.00    |
| Ladies Auxiliary—Mountain and Catawba Association            | 25.00   |
| First Baptist—Statesville: Reverend T. H. Dwell              | 1.00    |
| First Baptist—Selma: Reverend A. B. Johnson                  | 25.00   |
| Seavmore Hill—Greenville: Reverend J. A. Nimmo               | 61.50   |
| New Bethel—Asheville: Reverend Wesley Grant                  | 20.00   |
| Mrs. Mollie Reid—Asheville                                   | 1.00    |
| Haywood Chapel—Reverend L. H. Johnson                        | 1.00    |
| Coley Spring—Reverend L. H. Johnson                          | 1.00    |
| Mount Moriah—Louisburg: Reverend H. H. Alston                | 35.00   |
| Reverend E. W. Dixon                                         | 2.50    |
| Mud Creek Association—Reverend E. W. Dixon                   | 33.68   |

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| Perry's Chapel Sunday School—Reverend T. M. Alston                 | 2.50   |
| High Springs—Gastonia: Reverend J. A. White                        | 6.00   |
| Providence—Lincolnton: Reverend J. L. Westbrook                    | 10.00  |
| Second Baptist—Durham: Mr. J. W. Herrod                            | 35.00  |
| Usual Board Convention—High Point Association: Mr. Truman A. Grant | 5.50   |
| Mrs. Josie Jones—Ashokis                                           | 1.00   |
| Little Zion—Whitakers: Reverend K. P. Battle                       | 3.00   |
| Newrick Chapel—Willard: Reverend J. M. Grimes                      | 4.00   |
| Mount Pleasant—Clinton: Reverend A. L. Thompson                    | 2.00   |
| Twilight—Hallafox: Reverend G. A. Gichrist                         | 1.00   |
| Spring Hill—Middlesex: Reverend N. C. Sanders                      | 25.00  |
| Silver Chapel—Reverend R. H. Jones                                 | 1.00   |
| Flax Branch—Reverend E. H. Martin                                  | 3.00   |
| Little Zion—Falkland: Reverend J. S. Freeman                       | 20.00  |
| Little Zion—Macon: Reverend W. S. S. Spruill                       | 10.00  |
| Walnut Grove—Louisburg: Reverend J. S. Spruill                     | 10.00  |
| Social Union—Nashville: Reverend J. E. Chery                       | 25.00  |
| First Baptist—Winton: Reverend G. T. Rouson                        | 6.30   |
| Aaron Creek—Virginia: Reverend Frank Smith                         | 26.00  |
| Terrell Creek—Chapel Hill: Reverend T. A. Grady                    | 5.55   |
| Ebenezer—Rocky Mount: Reverend J. S. Freeman                       | 15.00  |
| Pleasant Hill—Shallotte: Reverend Willie Pugh                      | 4.00   |
| Reverend D. C. Gore—Whiteville                                     | 9.00   |
| Bethlehem—Seaboard: Reverend C. C. Staton                          | 9.00   |
| Mount Gilead—Mount Olive: Reverend W. E. Battle                    | 3.00   |
| Friendship—Lexington: Reverend T. L. Everette                      | 3.00   |
| White Oak—Grimsdale: Reverend C. C. Staton                         | 19.00  |
| New Hope—Gatesville: Reverend H. L. Mitchell                       | 25.00  |
| Mill Neck—Como: Reverend H. L. Mitchell                            | 9.00   |
| Saint John—Red Oak                                                 | 10.00  |
| First Baptist—High Point: Reverend W. F. Elliott                   | 100.00 |
| Locust Grove Sunday School—Miss L. B. Walker                       | 13.46  |
| Illog—Oxford: Reverend G. E. Cheek                                 | 61.29  |
| Red Bud—Kittrell: Reverend G. W. Thomas                            | 11.00  |
| Pettiford Grove—Crescentmoor: Reverend J. King                     | 25.75  |
| Kittrell Baptist—Kittrell: Reverend A. G. Coley                    | 7.35   |
| Hawkins Chapel—Kittrell: Reverend M. P. Davis                      | 4.00   |
| Little Creek—Elberton: Reverend C. A. Cheek                        | 1.00   |
| Antioch—Oxford: Reverend G. E. Cheek                               | 10.00  |
| Adam—Wallace: Reverend L. C. Riddick                               | 13.46  |
| Shiloh—Arcola: Reverend E. L. Brodie                               | 5.00   |
| Saint Matthew—Virginia: Reverend B. T. Green                       | 2.70   |
| New Home and Durham Association—Mr. Herbert Lipscombe              | 10.00  |
| Mount Zion—Macon: Reverend J. L. Spruill                           | 1.00   |
| Missionary Auxiliary—Bear Creek Association: Mrs. D. Waters        | 50.00  |
| Allen Chapel—Henderson: Reverend J. A. Watson                      | 10.00  |
| Dr. J. W. Hairston—Asheville                                       | 20.00  |
| Western North Carolina Sunday School Convention—                   | 180.00 |
| Dr. J. W. Hairston                                                 | 8.00   |
| Best Grove—Goldsboro: Reverend U. S. Brown                         | 25.00  |
| Smith Grove—Lexington: Reverend A. T. Evans                        | 35.00  |
| First Baptist—Lexington: Reverend A. T. Evans                      | 35.00  |
| Michael Creek—Oxford: Reverend D. Lewis                            | 13.34  |
| Mount Calvary—Goldsboro: Reverend G. W. Todd                       | 10.00  |
| First Baptist—Enfield: Reverend K. P. Battle                       | 7.55   |
| First Baptist—Concord: Reverend H. H. Hawkins                      | 1.50   |
| Mount Sinai—Catawba: Reverend W. H. Sherrill                       | 2.25   |
| Pee Dee—Lilesville: Reverend T. S. McIver                          | 2.25   |
| Reverend T. S. McIver—Winston-Salem                                | 1.00   |
| Lovely Hill—Macon: Reverend E. L. Blon                             | 4.25   |
| Hawkins Chapel—Franklin: Reverend M. P. Davis                      | 25.00  |
| Second Baptist—Durham: Mr. J. W. Herrod                            | 60.00  |
| West Durham—Durham: Reverend T. C. Graham                          | 11.18  |
| Jerusalem Council—Reverend E. L. Brodie                            | 25.00  |
| Saint John—Shannon: Reverend D. H. McSwain                         | 50.00  |
| Mountain and Catawba Association—Mr. J. A. Parker                  | 18.58  |
| First Baptist—Rich Square: Dr. P. A. Bishop                        | 11.18  |
| Friendship—Wake Forest: Reverend G. S. Stokes                      | 4.50   |
| Mrs. A. B. Johnson—Raleigh                                         | 1.00   |
| Reverend G. W. Campbell—Winston-Salem                              | 1.00   |
| Jerusalem—Council: Reverend E. L. Blue                             | 1.00   |
| Lantz River Sunday School—Reverend M. R. Lennon                    | 13.63  |
| Mitchell Chapel—Louisburg: Reverend E. L. Brodie                   | 12.00  |
| New Hope—Gatesville: Reverend H. L. Mitchell                       | 5.00   |
| Union Branch—Gatesville: Reverend H. L. Mitchell                   | 1.06   |
| Saint John—Statesville: Reverend W. H. Sherrill                    | 1.06   |
| Little Zion—Kittrell: Reverend Ned Jones                           | 1.06   |
| Roanoke Chapel—Garysburg: Reverend W. M. Wiggins                   | 1.00   |
| First Baptist—Fremont: Reverend J. E. Bowden                       | 3.00   |
| Mount Zion (Down of Day Club)—Benefactor: Mrs. Lula H. Davis       | 18.74  |
| First Baptist—Statesville: Reverend J. W. Croom                    | 10.00  |
| Saline Run—Fayetteville: Reverend S. W. White                      | 1.00   |
| Little Zion—Whitakers: Reverend K. P. Battle                       | 1.75   |
| Spring Hill—Middlesex                                              | 5.00   |
| New Bethel—Clayton: Reverend A. G. Coley                           | 1.00   |
| Mary's Grove—Lenoir: Reverend O. E. Dunn                           | 10.00  |
| Reverend and Mrs. C. T. Jones—Wilson                               | 9.00   |
| Butler Branch: Reverend N. H. Hamer                                | 5.00   |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Morton—Oxford                                       | 6.00   |
| Cedar Grove Union Board—Reverend W. Purch                          | 1.00   |
| Vernon Hill—Virginia, Virginia: Reverend L. M. Gooch               | 8.28   |
| Jerusalem—Woodland: Reverend H. H. Hart                            | 4.45   |
| Parker's Grove—Murfreesboro: Reverend J. E. James                  | 6.00   |
| Saint John—Rocky Mount: Reverend S. G. Dunston                     | 5.10   |
| Wilson Baptist—Turkey: Reverend C. C. Crawford                     | 15.00  |
| Maiden Chapel—Reverend J. C. Brewer                                | 7.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rouse—Reverend S. M. Dixon                      | 1.00   |
| Flat Creek—Henderson: Mr. Horace E. Wyche                          | 13.00  |
| Oak Grove—Reverend J. M. Burchett                                  | 2.65   |
| First Baptist—Lawndale: Reverend W. L. Johnson                     | 1.76   |
| Saint Stephen—Rockingford: Reverend S. M. Dixon                    | 2.50   |
| Rocky Point—Reverend W. M. Coppage                                 | 22.50  |
| Union Hill—Nashville: Reverend W. H. Marable                       | 2.50   |
| New Light—Lenoir: Reverend V. C. Burns                             | 3.00   |
| Mrs. Mollie Reid—Asheville                                         | 25.00  |
| Ebenezer Association—Mr. J. T. Howell                              | 28.26  |

